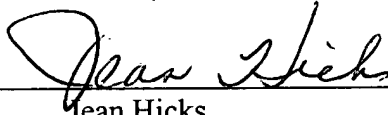


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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed September 11, 2000, please amend the application as follows. A Petition for a One Month Extension of Time, up to and including January 11, 2001, and the appropriate fee, are enclosed with this response.

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1. (twice amended) A method for modifying steroid production in a mammal in need of treatment by alteration of reproductive hormone levels comprising administering a compound directly inhibiting SR-BI or a compound selectively increasing expression of SR-BI thereby [compound] altering the transfer of cholesterol or cholesteryl ester from high density lipoprotein or other lipoproteins by specifically altering expression of or binding to cholesterol or cholesteryl ester of SR-BI to steroidogenic tissues producing reproductive hormones.